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"City of Canby Seeks Input from Public on Parks Master Planning Efforts"

Public Forum is Scheduled for Thursday, July 29th

The City of Canby has initiated development of a comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will include an update to the City's methodology for park system development charges (SDCs), which help pay for park projects.

The City would like to hear from residents, business owners, special interest groups, and any other interested parties. A public forum will be held on **Thursday**, **July 29th from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm** in City Hall – 222 NE 2nd Avenue. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will examine existing facilities and services to assess the current and ideal future level of services for the community based on public input. The plan will prioritize needs and desires for upgrading and improving parks, recreational facilities, athletic fields, amenities, programs, and services.

The public forum is an opportunity for the project team to gather input on future priorities for Canby's recreational facilities and activities, identify what funding sources may be available, discover potential partnerships, and determine how best to support the recreational needs of the community.

Ryan Potter, Senior Planner, highlights the master planning process's emphasis on hearing community voices: "The City's goal is to create a Parks Master Plan that reflects the needs all of the residents of Canby and the best way to reach that goal is to include as many community members in the process as possible."

If members of the community are interested in participating but are unable to attend the open house, there will be additional opportunities for providing public input. One such opportunity will be an upcoming public opinion survey to be conducted later this summer.

The City of Canby has hired GreenPlay, LLC, after opening a competitive bidding process which generated four consultant proposals. GreenPlay, LLC is a nationally known parks and recreation management consulting firm to oversee preparation of the master plan.

If you have any question, please contact Ryan Potter, Senior Planner, at 503-266-0712 or PotterR@CanbyOregon.gov.